

ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE OF PROCEEDING FOR GRANTING A PATENT, INITIATED BY A PCT APPLICATION

An international patent application (PCT application) is a patent application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

An international application has the effect of a national or regional application in all countries or regional patent organizations that are at that time bound by a PCT agreement.

An international application in which Republic of Serbia has, pursuant to the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, been designated or elected for the granting of a national patent, shall be filed with the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia (IPO RS), in the Serbian language, within a period at the latest of thirty months from the international filing date or from the date of priority, if priority has been claimed in the international application.

The time limit for filing with the IPO shall be extended by 30 days, if the applicant (IP agent on a behalf of the applicant) of the international patent application pays a prescribed extension fee and submits the proof of payment to the competent authority.

Duration of the proceeding depends on many different factors (e.g. quality of the application, efficiency of the applicant in submitting answers to IPO etc.).

For checking the status of the application, electronic Patent Register is available [here](#).

For entering the national phase before the IPO RS, a foreign natural or legal person who has no seat (establishment) or residence in the Republic of Serbia have to be represented by representative listed in the Register of Representatives or domestic attorney.

Here you can find the link to the [Register of Professional Representatives](#).

ANNUAL FEES

Renewal annual fees shall be paid to IPO RS. Renewal anniversary date runs to the exact day – date of filing of the PCT application.

If the deadline for payment (filing date of the application) has expired, the fee could be paid within an additional time of six months, provided a prescribed additional fee (+ 50%) is paid at the same time. The proof of payment has to be submitted to IPO RS.

If IPO RS is closed, the deadline extends to the next working day - no additional fee is required.

Here you can find the [link to the annual \(renewal\) fees](#).

Useful information:

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